Congressman John Rankin, according to A.P. declared the Dies Com. stated an investigation of Walter Winchell would disclose a gigantic conspiracy to discredit Congress. To which W W replied, "An investigation of W W would, I am sure, disclose a lot of things the American people should know."

Law and order are based on something more than common sense. They are based on common decency. Under that constitutional law which at once speaks for our common sense and our common decency, it is provided that a man shall be charged in open court with anything that a state deems a crime, that he shall be permitted to bring his own witnesses, and that he shall have the right to question the government's witnesses. (A sentence re previous broadcasts.) It is significant that the Dies Com has asked for the record only after making vague and indefinite accusations. The FBI and other responsible bodies of the Government make their charges only after they have examined the facts. The Dies Com will receive my records but they are yet have not called on me. I ask only one thing: that is, that I be given a hearing and that I be publicly confronted with the witnesses against me and that I have my right to publicly cross-examine them. The Congressman has expressed an opinion of me which does not constitute a charge. No evidence

has been offered, altho I have offered every bit of evidence at my command and, as part of that evidence, I am willing to state under oath that Cong Dies has repeatedly stated that the effectiveness of this reporter was of service to the United States.

Makers of Jergens Lotion are back of me 100 %.

In CR of (about a week ago — approx. March 13), a certain Congressman stated that I had been stripped of my Navy uniforms and pay. I have never been stripped of my uniform or pay. The Navy Dept, up to the Secy of the Navy, knows that on Dec 7, 1941, in a telegram I respectfully requested active duty anywhere and that I always refused pay or turned it over to Navy Relief. After a tour of duty outside the U.S. I was returned to inactive duty for reasons which cannot now be made public. I was instructed to stay on radio with the following words: "Some men must go overseas to get shot at and some of us must stay here to get stabbed in the back."

Next Sunday, March 26, Dies has been requested by Jergens to speak for 15 minutes following Winchell. It should be good to hear the two of them. I missed out on some of the broadcast, but this is the greater portion of it. Do you think it would be possible for me to get a transcript if I wrote for it? This is the only copy I made, so you better send it back if you want it.